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Vegetable Tariffs Raised

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Report Highlights:

Tariffs of several temperate vegetables have been increased from seven percent to 20-25 percent by the issuance of Executive Order No. 197 (EO 197) dated April 16, 2003. The new customs duties took effect April 26, 2003.

Includes PSD changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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Import tariffs for several temperate vegetables (see table below) have been increased from an average duty of seven percent to an effective duty of between 20 to 25 percent through the issuance of Executive Order No. 197 (EO 197) dated April 16, 2002. EO 197 was published in two major newspapers (Manila Times and Malaya) last April 26, 2003 and takes effect immediately. All new rates are within the GRP's bound rates of duty in the WTO.

This is latest action of the Philippine government amidst continuing complaints from the domestic vegetable industry about the surge of low-price vegetable imports entering the market (see GAIN RP#2083). Despite this tariff increase, the domestic vegetable industry continues to voice complaints that the recent tariff increase is not enough to provide the local industry with adequate protection from imports.

HDG. NO.	H.S. CODE	DESCRIPTION	RATE OF DUTY (Old)	RATE OF DUTY (New)
7.03		Onions, shallots, garlic, leeks and other alliaceous vegetables, fresh or chilled		
	0703.10.00	- X X X		
	0703.20.00	- X X X		
	0703.90.00	- Leeks and other alliaceous vegetables	7	20
7.04		Cabbages, cauliflowers, kohlrabi, kale and similar edible brassicas, fresh or chilled		
	0704.10.00	- Cauliflower and headed broccoli	7	25
	0704.20.00	- X X X		
	to			
	0704.90.90	- X X X		
7.05		Lettuce (<i>Lactuca sativa</i>) and chicory (<i>Chicorium spp.</i>), fresh or chilled		
	-----	- Lettuce		
	0705.11.00	-- Cabbage lettuce (head lettuce)	7	25
	0705.19.00	-- Other		25
		- Chicory	7	
		-- Witloof chicory (<i>Cichorium intybus</i> var. <i>foliosum</i>)	3	20
		-- Other	5	20
7.06		Carrots, turnips, salad beetroot, salsify, celeriac, radishes and similar edible roots, fresh or chilled		
	0706.10	- Carrots		
	0706.10.10	-- Carrots	7	25
	0706.10.20	-- Turnips	7	20

	0706.90.00	- Other	7	20
07.07	0707.00.00	Cucumbers and gherkins, fresh or chilled	7	20
7.08		Leguminous vegetables, shelled or unshelled, fresh or chilled		
	0708.10.00	- Peas (pisum sativum)	7	20
	0708.20.00	- Beans (Vigna spp., Phaseolus)	7	20
	0708.90.00	- X X X		
7.09		Other vegetables, fresh or chilled		
	0709.10.00	- X X X		
	0709.20.00	- X X X		
	0709.30.00	- X X X		
	0709.40.00	- Celery other than celeriac	7	20
		- X X X		
	0709.51.00	-- X X X		
	0709.52.00	-- X X X		
	0709.60.00	- Fruits of the genus Capsicum or of the genus Pimenta	3	20
	0709.70.00	- Spinach, New Zealand spinach and orache (garden spinach)	7	20
7.11		Vegetables provisionally preserved (for example, by sulphur dioxide, gas, in brine, in sulphur water or other preservative solutions), but unsuitable in that state for immediate consumption		
	0711.10	- Onions		
	0711.10.10	-- X X X		
	0711.10.90	-- Other	5	20
	0711.20.00	- X X X		
	0711.30.00	- X X X		
	0711.40.00	- Cucumbers and gherkins	7	20
	0711.90.00	- Other vegetables; mixtures of vegetables	5	20
8.14	0814.00.00	Peel of citrus fruit or melons (including watermelons), fresh, frozen, dried or provisionally preserved in brine, in sulphur water or in other preservative solutions	7	20

9.04		Peppers of the genus Piper, dried or crushed or ground fruits of the genus Casicum or of the genus		
		Pimenta		
		- X X X		
	0904.11			
	to			
	0904.12.90	--- X X X		
	0904.20.00	- Fruits of the genus Capsicum or of the genus Pimenta, dried, crushed or ground	5	20
'09.10		Ginger, saffron, turmeric (cucurma), thyme, bay leaves, curry and other spices		
	0910.10.10	- Ginger	5	20
	0910.20.00			
	to			
	0910.99.00			

Total Philippine imports of fresh vegetables from the United States in 2002 was minor, valued at \$257,000.